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REMARKS / ARGUMENTS:

Claims 1-14 are pending in the above identified patent application.

Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 11 and 12 under U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Van Swam (6,519,309).

Examiner further rejected claims 3, 4, 9 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Van Swam (6,519,309).

Examiner objected to claims 7, 8, and 13 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Examiner identified that claim 14 is allowed.

Claim 1 is the base claim for claim 7. In response to Examiner's Final Office Action of April 1, 2005 Applicants have amended claim 1 to include all the limitations of allowable claim 7, including the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants submit claim 1 as presented is in allowable format.

Claims 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 are dependent upon allowable base claim 1. Applicants submit claims 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 are also allowable, due to their dependence on allowable base claim 1.

Applicants have cancelled claims 6 and 7, as the limitations of these claims have been incorporated into allowable base claim 1.

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Examiner has identified that claim 13 is allowable if rewritten in independent format. Applicants have amended claim 13, rewriting the claim in independent format to include the all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, applicants submit that all claims now pending in the above identified application, claims 1-5, and 8-14, are believed to be in condition for allowance, and favorable action is respectfully requested. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added.

If any issues remain which may be resolved by telephonic communication, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the number below, if such will advance the application to allowance.

Favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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